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INTERNATIONAL BUREAU
SATELLITE POLICY BRANCH INFORMATION:

EchoStar Satellite Corporation
Application for Authority to Make Minor Modifications to Direct Broadcast Satellite
Authorizations, Launch and Operational Authority
File No. SAT-MOD-19971230-00231,
SAT-MOD-19971230-00235, & DBS-88-01

The proceeding captioned above is an adjudicative licensing proceeding and is generally restricted under the Commission's *ex parte* rules. See 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1202(d) and 1.1208. This proceeding is inextricably intertwined with complex, interrelated legal, technical and policy issues associated with the implementation of DBS systems serving the States of Hawaii and Alaska. There are varying numbers of channels at various orbital locations involved. The public interest, therefore, requires that the *ex parte* procedures be modified for this proceeding. The proceeding shall be treated on a non-restricted, permit-but-disclose, basis. 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200(a), 1.1206 and 1.1208, Note 2.

Effective July 21, 2000, *ex parte* presentations relating to this proceeding are subject to the disclosure requirements set forth in 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206 of the Commission's rules. The adjudicative proceeding affected by this action is the captioned Application for Modification.

This action is taken pursuant to authority found in section 4(i) and 303 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 154(i) and 303; and pursuant to Sections 0.31, 0.241, 0.261, and 1.1200(a) of the Commission's Rules. See 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.31, 0.241, 0.261 and 1.1200(a).

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By the Chief, International Bureau.